

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (original): A cap (1) for removable attachment to a barrel end of projectile firing equipment (2) which allows substantially unaffected firing of said projectile firing equipment, wherein said barrel end is perpendicular to a direction of firing of said projectile firing equipment, characterized by:

a central convex portion (6) which covers an aperture of said barrel end; and

a peripheral edge portion (5) joined peripherally to said central convex portion (6) and adapted to be removably attached, via an attachment means, to said barrel end and having a substantially similar form as said barrel end.

2. (currently amended): A cap (1) according to claim 1 ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said attachment means comprises an adhesive on said edge portion (5).

3. (currently amended): A cap (1) according to claim 1 ~~or 2 characterized in that~~ wherein said edge portion (5) comprises an intermediate portion (7) and an adhesive portion (8), characterized in that, when said cap (1) is attached to said barrel end, said adhesive portion (8) contacts said barrel end, and said intermediate portion (7) lies between said adhesive portion (8) and said convex portion (6), and characterized in that said intermediate portion (7) is made of a material which is compatible with both said convex portion (6) and said adhesive portion (8).

4. (currently amended): A cap (1) according to claim 3 ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said intermediate portion (7) and said adhesive portion (8) comprise a tape having said adhesive portion (8) on one side thereof and said intermediate portion (7) on an opposite side thereof.

5. (currently amended): A cap (1) according to claim 3 ~~or 4 characterized in that~~ wherein said intermediate portion (7) is formed of aluminum.

6. (currently amended): A cap (1) according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ characterized ~~in that~~ claim 1 wherein said cap (1) provides an air- and water-tight seal when said cap (1) is attached to said barrel end.

7. (currently amended): A cap (1) according ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ characterized ~~in that~~ claim 1 wherein said cap (1) is resistant to puncture.

8. (currently amended): A cap (1) according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~ characterized ~~in that~~ claim 1 wherein said cap (1) comprises a tab (10) for gripping by a user, characterized in that said tab (10) , when said cap (1) is attached to said barrel end, extends beyond said barrel end in a direction substantially perpendicular to said direction of firing of said projectile firing equipment.

9. (currently amended): A cap (1) according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~ characterized ~~in that~~ claim 1 wherein said convex portion (6) comprises a plastic material.

10. (currently amended): A cap (1) according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~ characterized ~~in that~~ claim 1 wherein the height of said convex portion (6) is from 1/16 to 1/8 inch.

11. (currently amended): A cap (1) according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 10~~ characterized ~~in that~~ claim 1 wherein said edge portion (5) and said convex portion (6) are circular.

12. (currently amended): A cap (1) according to claim 11 ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the radius of curvature of said convex portion (6) is from 9/16 to 33/32 inch.

13. (currently amended): A cap (1) according to claim 11 ~~or 12~~ characterized ~~in that~~ wherein the diameter of said convex portion (6) is substantially 1/2 inch.

14. (currently amended): A cap (1) according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 13~~
~~characterized in that~~ claim 1 wherein said cap (1) is provided with a registration number
thereon to identify the firing of the projectile firing equipment.

15. (currently amended): A cap (1) according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 14~~
~~characterized in that~~ claim 1 wherein said cap (1) comprises camouflage coloring.

16. (currently amended): A cap (1) according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 14~~
~~characterized in that~~ claim 1 wherein said cap (1) is luminescent.

17. (currently amended): A storage pad (11), ~~characterized by~~ having a substantially
planar surface upon which one or a plurality of caps (1) according to ~~any one of claims 1 to~~
~~16~~ claim 1 can be removably attached, said surface being so structured to removably hold
said caps (1), such that said caps (1), when removed from said surface are ready for
application to barrel end of a barrel.